

**REVISED FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. H4725**

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TO: The Honorable James H. Harrison, Chairman, House Judiciary Committee  
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**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:**

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:**

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

This Bill provides that the name of each candidate shall appear no more than once on the ballot. If a candidate has been nominated by multiple parties or petitions, the Bill further provides that the name of each party or petition nominating the candidate must be listed under the candidate's name.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

State Election Commission (Commission)

*The Commission indicates the changes in this Bill would require a change in software and potentially firmware changes in the statewide voting system. Further, any changes to voting software must be certified by the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) which is the Federal agency that oversees voting systems rules and regulations. Systems must be certified before they can be used in an election. The Commission indicates costs of implementation would range from \$205,000 to \$5.08 million.*

*Under the best circumstances nonrecurring costs could be limited to \$205,000 if, at the time of implementation, the EAC has completed certification of this State's voting system and only that portion of the software that has changed would have to go through the certification process. In addition, for the impact to be this low South Carolina would have to be able to share costs with another state and the voting machines would not require a firmware change.*

*The Election Commission indicates there could be a nonrecurring cost of approximately \$5.08 million if, at the time of implementation, the EAC has not completed certification of this State's system or the EAC will not allow changes to be certified independently (thereby requiring the entire system to go through the certification process). In addition, for the impact to be this high South Carolina would not be able to share the cost of development / certification with another state, and firmware changes would be required for the voting machines.*

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

*The italicized portion of this impact indicates the items that have been revised. For this impact; the revised constitutes information that was not available in the original impact.*

Approved by:



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